

Claims

[c1] WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A convertible vehicle comprising:

a carbody having a rear area;

a convertible top connected to the carbody;

wherein the rear area has a storage compartment for stowing the top and a trunk adjacent to the storage compartment;

a variable partitioning device separating the trunk and the storage compartment;

wherein the partitioning device has a top receiving position, in which a size of the storage compartment is enlarged, and a luggage receiving position, in which a size of the trunk is enlarged;

wherein the partitioning device comprises a panel-shaped end member that, in the top receiving position, is in an upright position and delimits rearwardly the storage compartment relative to the trunk;

wherein the end member comprises a first edge area that is releasably secured by a releasable connection to the carbody, wherein, for moving the partitioning device into the luggage receiving position, the first edge area is detached from the carbody;

wherein the partitioning device comprises an adjoining panel connected to the end member, wherein the adjoining panel is positioned in front of the end member, viewed in a forward traveling direction of the convertible vehicle, when the partitioning device is in the top receiving position;

wherein, for moving the partitioning device into the luggage receiving position, first the end member is pivoted relative to the adjoining panel in a first movement having a forwardly oriented movement component in the forward traveling direction and, subsequently, the end member and the adjoining panel are moved together in a second movement having a forwardly oriented movement component in the forward traveling direction.

[c2] 2. The convertible vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the end member has a second edge area that is located opposite the first edge area, wherein the adjoining panel is connected by a pivot connection to the second edge area, wherein the end member is pivoted in the first movement forwardly and downwardly relative to the adjoining panel.

[c3] 3. The convertible vehicle according to claim 2, further comprising a hook and loop fastener for securing the end member on the adjoining panel after completion of the first movement.

- [c4] 4. The convertible vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the end member and the adjoining panel are pivotable relative to one another about an axis that extends transversely to the forward traveling direction.
- [c5] 5. The convertible vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the end member and the adjoining panel are lightweight construction parts.
- [c6] 6. The convertible vehicle according to claim 2, wherein the end member and the adjoining panel are formed as a textile laminate and wherein the pivot connection is provided by the textile laminate.
- [c7] 7. The convertible vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the adjoining panel in the top receiving position is substantially horizontal and in the luggage receiving position is upright.
- [c8] 8. The convertible vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the releasable connection comprises at least one projecting member connected to the end member and spring means securing the at least one projecting member on the carbody.
- [c9] 9. The convertible vehicle according to claim 8, wherein the releasable connection further comprises at least one

switch adapted to prevent the top from opening when the at least one projecting member is not secured by the spring means on the carbody.

- [c10] 10. The convertible vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the partitioning device has only two movable panels in the form of the end member and the adjoining panel.